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SUBJ: DANISH EMBASSY LETTER TO GDR CITIZENS SUPPORTING THEIR
APPLICATION TO EMIGRATE INTO THE FRG

REF: BERLIN 6593 PARA 2.C (NOTAL)

1. REFTEL DESCRIBES THE GDR HUMANITARIAN CASE OF
RENATE LOTTAUSCH, WHO SEEKS TO JOIN HER DAUGHTER IN THE U.S.
HER SON, DIRCK, HIS WIFE, ELKE, AND A MR. AND MRS. KNUT
DINTER, ALL OF DRESDEN, HAVE APPLIED FOR EMIGRATION TO THE
FRG. THEY RECENTLY WROTE THE US, UK, FRENCH, SOVIET, ITALIAN,
SWEDISH, DANISH, BULGARIAN, YUGOSLAV, CZECH AND FINNISH EMBASSIES
HERE REFERRING TO THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT, CERTAIN GDR
LAWS, AND THE UN DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, AND REQUESTED
THE ADDRESSES TO PERSUADE THE GDR TO FULFILL ITS COMMIT-
MENTS UNDER THESE AGREEMENTS IN THEIR CASES. ON FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 3, ACCORDING TO MRS. LOTTAUSCH, THE TWO YOUNG
COUPLES WILL STAND IN SILENT VIGIL IN THE MAIN SQUARE
OF DRESDEN TO ATTRACT ATTENTION TO THEIR CASES.

2. ON SEPTEMBER 1, MR. DIRCK LOTTAUSCH AND ANOTHER
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PERSON, POSSIBLY MR. DINTER, CALLED AT THE EMBASSY AND

DISPLAYED A LETTER ON DANISH EMBASSY STATIONARY, DATED AUGUST 27, 1976, ADDRESSED TO THEM, WHICH IS QUOTED BELOW (IN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION);

"THE ROYAL DANISH EMBASSY ACKNOWLEDGES THE RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER OF AUGUST 16, 1976.

"THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK IS, LIKE THE GDR, A MEMBER STATE OF THE UN AND HAS SIGNED THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT. JUST AS DENMARK WOULD DO EVERYTHING TO FULFILL ITS OBLIGATIONS AS A UN MEMBER AND LIVE UP TO THE CONTENTS OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT, OUR BASIC POINT OF DEPARTURE IS THAT ALL OTHER MEMBER STATES AND CO-SIGNATORIES SHOULD CARRY OUT THAT SAME POLICY; WE WILL ENGAGE OURSELVES FOR THIS.

"AS YOU UNDOUBTEDLY KNOW, ALL 35 STATES WHICH SIGNED THE HELSINKI FINAL WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY IN BELGRADE IN 1977 TO DETERMINE WHAT RESULTS HAVE SO FAR BEEN ACHIEVED AND HOW TO PROCEED FURTHER. THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK WILL USE THIS OPPORTUNITY.

SINCERELY,
JOERGEN TRANBERG
CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I."

3. LOTTAUCSCH AND DINTER REQUESTED THE EMBASSY FOR A SIMILAR LETTER. EMBOFF (WOLF) NOTED DIFFICULTIES OF EMBASSY INVOLVING ITSELF IN A CASE THAT WAS NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO U.S. INTERESTS AND MERELY PROMISED TO REVIEW THE REQUEST.

4. COMMENT: HERETOFORE, THE EMBASSY HAS DEALTH WITH REQUESTS FOR SUPPORT IN SUCH CASES, I.E., NO U.S. CONNECTION, BY GENERAL EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY, BOTH IN WRITING AND ORALLY. AN ANALYSIS OF THE DANISH EMBASSY'S LETTER SHOWS MERELY MORE POINTED REFERENCES TO THE ORGANATIONAL AND DOCUMENTARY COMMITMENTS WHICH THE WEST BELIEVES MORALLY OBLIGES THE GDR AND OTHER WARSAW PACT STATES IN THESE KINDS OF CASES. WE DO NOT BELIEVE WE SHOULD NOW EMPLOY THE KIND OF LANGUAGE USED BY TRANBERG IN DEALING IN SUCH CASE FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

ALL WE HAVE EMPHASIZED TO APPLICANTS AND TO OUR
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GDR OPPOSITES THAT WE ARE NOT GENERATING SUCH CASES OR INTERESTED IN PUBLICIZING THESE MATTERS BUT RATHER IN SEEKING POSITIVE SOLUTIONS TO CASES OF CONCERN TO THE US.

B) WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS NOT IN OUR INTEREST TO TAKE ON CASES RELATED TO THIRD STATES BECAUSE THE GDR COULD THEN SEEK TO LINK OUR CASES WITH THEIR BILATERAL PROBLEMS IN THIS FIELD WITH OTHER STATES, I.E., THE FRG.

5. WE PLAN TO CONTINUE OUR PREVIOUS PRACTICE
OF GENERAL SYMPATHETIC EXPRESSIONS BUT WOULD FIND
ADDRESSEE'S COMMENTS VALUABLE.COOPER

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